

NRS Updates 2009/10
Staff/Faculty- 3 or more years experience

Each year the NRS provides additional information on changes or uses of the NRS Guidelines. With the experience you have had in ABE over the last two years, this you will be reading and reflecting upon part of a guide that was prepared by NRS for the 2009-10 year. This document was revised in July 2009 and is entitled:

The Local Connection: Building a Data Use Learning Community

It can be found at:

<http://www.nrsweb.org/docs/trainings/summer2009/LocalConnectionGuide7-09.pdf>

Please read p. 3 (A Community of Learners: Definition) through the top of page 4 (the diagram) and Chapter 2: Motivation on p.7-15. After reading and reflecting upon these pages, please answer the following questions:

1. Please define in your own words what a community of learners is:

2. How would you assess the use of ABE data according to the elements listed on the diagram on page 4?

	Poor	Average	High
Motivation			
Reflection & Prof. Dev.			
Training & tools			
Communication			

3. What barriers can you identify for yourself and your program in using data?

Personal: _____

Structural: _____

4. Have you participated in activities that have made using data meaningful? Yes No

What made the activity(ies) meaningful? _____

4. If activities have not been meaningful, can you suggest changes that would make them meaningful? _____

5. Do you feel that there is a shared approach to leadership and decision making that makes collaboration on activities effective for you? Yes No

What areas of data do you feel **more** collaboration would be helpful?

- ☐ Entering data on IMAS
- ☐ Understanding the NRS tables (4, 4b, etc.)
- ☐ Using data to improve my class, program, etc.
- ☐ Other: _____

6. How have you used data in your own job responsibilities? _____

7. How have you been rewarded or recognized for using data in your job? _____

8. In what ways can you improve your own use of data? _____

Please submit this completed form to your regional professional development specialist.

Your efforts to continue to improve the ABE program are noticed and appreciated.

Thank you.